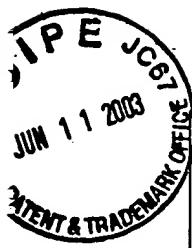


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Dear Examiner Yamnitzky:

In response to the non-final Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed July 31, 2001, the Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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